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1. PENDING RECEIPT OF FURTHER COMMENTS FROM US AND UK,
ECONADS JUNE 30 MEETING AGREED TO POSTPONE DISCUSSION OF
ITS FUTURE WORK PROGRAM UNTIL JULY 14.

2. IN SPITE OF CHAIRMAN BILLY'S DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A
SCHEDULE OF EXPERT MEETINGS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, NATIONAL
REPS REITERATED IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED FLEXIBILITY TO
ENABLE COMMITTEE TO GIVE MAXIMUM SUPPORT TO SENIOR POLI-
TICAL COMMITTEE WORK ON ALLIED STUDY OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS.
WITH THIS IN MIND, THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT TO US REP'S
PERSONAL SUGGESTION THAT SOVIET SHIPPING TOPIC BE POST-
PONED FROM IT'S PROPOSED NOVEMBER DATE UNTIL LATER IN
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SPRING '78, AND USE OF THAT MONTH FOR SOMETHING MORE
PERTINENT TO THE E-W STUDY. BILLY SUGGESTED THE REVIEW OF
SOVIET ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE (NOW DECEMBER) BE MOVED TO
JANUARY, FOLLOWING THE UNCLASSIFIED COLLOQUIUM ON "THE
SOVIET UNION IN THE 80'S - PROSPECTS FOR GROWTH AND THE
ROLE OF FOREIGN TRADE" SEPTTEL, NOTAL), WHILE
FEBRUARY MEETING ON SOVIET BALANCE OF PAYMENTS BE MOVED

TO DECEMBER. NOVEMBER COULD BE USED FOR ONE OF THE EE COUNTRY GROUPING REVIEWS. GERMAN REP (DAASE) RECOMMENDED SOVIET REVIEW TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER.

3. UK REP (HULSE) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO OCTOBER ENERGY MEETING AND FELT IT WOULD IN ALL LIKELIHOOD OFFER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO WORK OF E-W STUDY.

4. AS INSTRUCTED REF B, WE PRESSED FOR SEPTEMBER 15 AND/OR 16 CSCE BASKET II EXPERTS MEETING AND RECEIVED GENERAL SUPPORT. UK REP, NODDING TO BELGIAN (DEBROUWERE) WHO WILL HAVE EC PRESIDENCY ROLE AT THE TIME, SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE SEVERAL EC-9 BASKET II EXPERTS MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER AND HOPED AT LEAST ONE COULD MESH WITH DATE WE SUGGESTED. ONLY THE ITALIAN (TESTORI) INSISTED ON A LATER MEETING, SINCE HIS EXPERTS WOULD BE "UNAVAILABLE" BEFORE SEPTEMBER 20. (COMMENT: WE SUSPECT LEAVES ARE INVOLVED AND DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER DESIRABILITY OF AN APPROACH ON THIS POINT IN ROME.)

5. ACTION REQUESTED: FURTHER GUIDANCE SO WE MIGHT CIRCULATE ADDITIONAL US SUGGESTIONS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN ADVANCE OF JULY 14 MEETING. BENNETT

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